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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YUSHI KANEKO )  
Application No.: 09/487,312 )  
Filed: January 19, 2000 )  
For: ENCODING APPARATUS, )  
ENCODING METHOD, AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM )  
STORING ENCODING )

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 25, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be entered and considered in the above-identified application.

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